

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Araby Mill

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northside of Route 355

6th E D 7

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF Araby

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Frederick

STATE

COUNTY

M 86 P 15

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ MUSEUM

___ COMMERCIAL

___ PARK

___ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ RELIGIOUS

___ GOVERNMENT

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ MILITARY

___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Earl A. & Jean J. Vivino

Telephone #: 662-6466

STREET & NUMBER

2500 Wisconsin Ave. N.W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C. 20007 ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 659

Folio #: 20

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Araby Mill is a square shaped, two and a half story low hip roofed coursed field stone building which faces south from the north side of Route 355 at the intersection of Araby Church Road in Araby.

It is a private single ownership house that is related to the Boscobel or Gambrill Mansion, which stands on a hill southeast of the mill, but is detached from any other buildings.

Each side is three bays in width, the main entrance door occupies the third bay on the first level on the west side. A modern double storm door occupies an original entrance way of the mill over which a large wooden lintel remains. Modern small 4/4 windows with original wood lintels occupy the first and second bay. On the second level of the west side modern 6/6 windows occupy all three bays; original wood lintels are apparent in the first and second bays, in the third bay the lintel has been replaced by brick. A large rectangular iron brace is bolted between the first and second levels. A tin roof projects over the walls exposing the rafters. The Mill is built on a high stone foundation.

A modern storm door occupies the second bay on the southside. Two modern 6/6 windows are located in the first and third bays. Each of the original wooden lintels over the bays have been replaced by brick. A shed dormer with two small windows is located on the roof above the second bay. A cinder block stoop with railing extends from the south side of the building at the second bay on the first level. A small window is located below the first bay and main level on the south side in the foundation.

The east side is very similar to the south side. Two "S" braces are bolted to the wall between the first and second and second and third bays. Although mostly underground the arched raceway which allowed water into the ground level of the mill is still apparent in the northeast corner.

Modern 6/6 windows with replaced brick lintels are located in all three bays on the north side. A cement block has been placed beside the building in the northeast corner to accomodate heating equipment. Some stuccoing has been done over the stone below the bays on the north side.

None of the original mill equipment remains in the building, but it is believed by the owners that much of it is buried in the vicinity. The raceway, which is still visible, extends northeast of the building.

The house is currently rented to tenants as a residence, and is in very good condition.

<input type="checkbox"/> RIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	c. 1830	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	John McPherson Sr.
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Araby Mill was founded and built by John McPherson, Jr., of Frederick in 1830.¹ In 1856 it was sold to James Gambrill who added improvements to the mill and built the nearby Boscobel Home. The mill had "two overshot water wheels with maximum thirty horse power each" and "six or eight coopers filled 60 barrels of flour a day".¹ During the battle at the Monocacy the mill was used as the Union Post office and a number of soldiers are believed to be buried behind the building.² Gambrill's business must have been profitable because in 1878 he also purchased the Frederick City Mill for his operation.

The mill continued under Gambrill's direction until 1890's. The mill passed through a series of owners and in the 1920's was converted to a private dwelling.

1 History of Western Maryland, Scharf, p. 596. However, no deed for the mill property has been found in McPherson's name until 1838.

2 Ibid

3 Maryland American Guide Series, Gutheim. p. 511.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Maryland American Guide Series Oxford Univ. Press New York 1940

History of Western Maryland Philadelphia 1882, J. Thomas Scharf p. 598

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 135 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

7/8/77

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

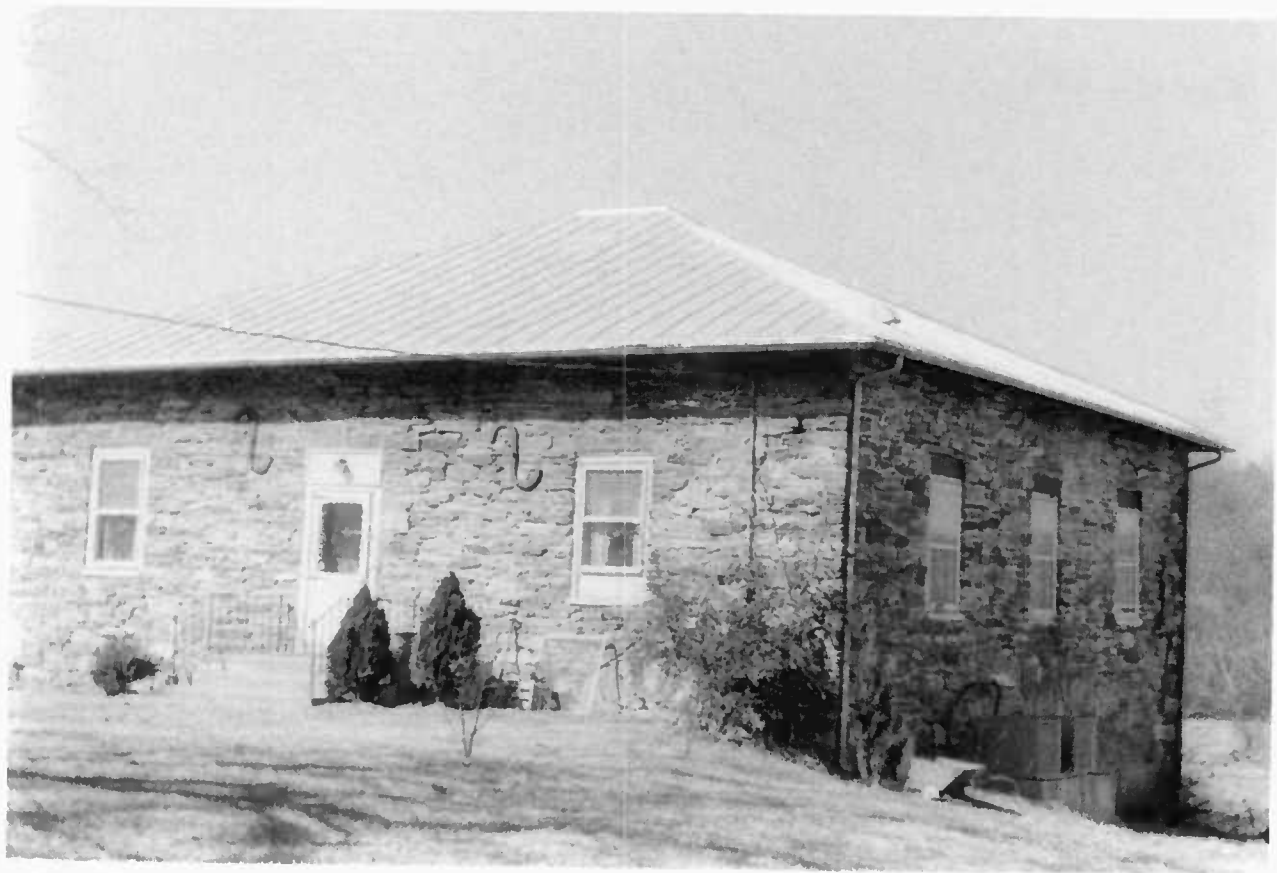
Maryland 21701

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ARABY MTL
Southeast View

F-7-57





Araby Mill
Southwest View

F-7-57

